the companies and retail chains using forestry raw materials (timber, particularly) in their products. These companies require from their suppliers that they use certified forest produce in their products. However, there is no empirical study so far which could suggest the quantum of bias faced by Indian products manufactured from materials from non-certified forest in the global markets.

(e) The question does not arise in view of the above.

**National Action Plan regarding climate change**

1917. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to prepare a National Action Plan to deal with the issues of climate, including the remedial measures for mitigating the impact on foodgrains production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating the time-frame within which it would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was released on 30th June, 2008 to outline India's strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change. The National Action Plan outlines steps that will enable the country to adapt to climate change and enhance the ecological sustainability of India's development path.

One of the eight National Missions outlined in the National Action Plan is the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture. The National Mission for Sustainable agriculture will focus on four areas crucial to agriculture in adapting to climate change, namely dry land agriculture, risk management, access to information, and use of biotechnology. The National Action Plan envisages that the Mission document will be finalized by December, 2008.

**Integrated forest conservation scheme**

†1918. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount for which a proposal under Integrated Forest Conservation Scheme has been received from Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the said amount has been sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the plan thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There is no scheme in the name of Integrated Forest Conservation Scheme. However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely the Integrated Forest Protection Scheme (IFPS) is being implemented by this Ministry. The Government of Chhattisgarh had submitted an Annual Work Programme for 2008-09 at a total cost of Rs. 1107.26 lakhs.

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(b) This Annual Work Programme has been approved for a total cost of Rs. 638.66 lakhs. A first instalment of Rs. 383.00 lakhs, being the 80% of the Central share, has already been released to the State Government of Chhattisgarh.

(c) Does not arise.

**Clarification from Tibetan students**

†1919. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chines officials of Tibet occupied region have sought any clarification from the Tibetan students who studied in Indian schools;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government is not aware of such reports.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

**Status of the Nuclear Agreement**

†1920. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the talks being held between India and USA on Nuclear Agreement;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to start talks again with USA on the issue of Nuclear test;

(c) whether Government has received any suggestion in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America has been signed on October 10, 2008. Pursuant to Article 16 of the Agreement, diplomatic notes for bringing the Agreement into effect were exchanged on December 6, 2008.

(b) The question of Government starting talks with any foreign government on the issue of nuclear test does not arise as a decision to undertake a nuclear test would be India's sovereign decision, resting solely with the Government of India.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

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